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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.60 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, also up 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 455,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 895,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 15 percent above 2009.

SOURCE: **Cattle on Feed**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.



U.S. PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS¹

Commodity	Unit	Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010
<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat	Bu.	13.40	14.60	14.70
Corn	Bu.	8.30	9.07	9.16
All Milk, Sold to Plants ² ...	Cwt.	44.40	44.60	45.10
Wool	Lb.	1.91	2.07	2.09
Barley	Bu.	9.07	10.10	10.20
Oats	Bu.	5.49	5.95	6.01
Potatoes	Cwt.	19.00	20.30	20.50
Rye	Bu.	10.60	11.60	11.70
Soybeans	Bu.	20.20	22.30	22.60
Apples, For Fresh Use ³ ...	Lb.	0.768	0.805	0.812
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	237.00	249.00	251.00
Calves	Cwt.	340.00	351.00	355.00
Hogs	Cwt.	130.00	135.00	136.00
Lambs	Cwt.	267.00	280.00	283.00
Sheep	Cwt.	103.00	106.00	107.00
Eggs	Doz.	2.12	2.22	2.24
Turkeys, Live	Lb.	1.300	1.370	1.380

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956.

² Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

³ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only). Price at point of first sale for other states.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., October 29, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, OCTOBER 2010

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010 ¹	Oct 2009	Sep 2010	Oct 2010 ¹
Dollars							
Corn	Bu.	3.75	4.90	5.25	3.61	4.08	4.78
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	4.27	5.80	5.98
Oats.....	Bu.	2.67	3.10	2.34	2.03	2.29	2.35
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	4.41	3.62	3.69
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	9.43	9.98	10.70
Hay, Dry All	Ton	128.00	114.00	116.00	105.00	111.00	113.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	148.00	150.00	142.00	109.00	117.00	118.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	120.00	108.00	112.00	97.10	95.20	96.90
Apples, Fresh Use	Lb.	0.331	0.416	0.366	0.312	0.349	0.349
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	42.80	53.80	50.20	43.60	55.40	53.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	78.10	91.10	90.40	84.40	99.30	97.90
Calves	Cwt.	101.00	100.00	99.70	103.00	117.00	118.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	34.20	56.10	53.60	38.30	61.30	57.20
Sows	Cwt.	30.00	60.50	55.50	27.40	58.10	52.20
Sheep.....	Cwt.	43.00	63.00	-	29.80	48.10	-
Lambs	Cwt.	110.00	126.00	-	96.80	135.00	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	0.630	⁶	⁶	0.638	0.446	0.654
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	15.80	19.60	-	14.30	17.70	18.30
Manufactured Grade ⁴ ...	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.80	16.80	17.10
All	Cwt.	15.80	19.60	20.50	14.30	17.70	18.30
Milk Cows ⁵	Head	1,300.00	-	1,400.00	1,240.00	-	1,330.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. PA is no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume. ⁴ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.). ⁵ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.). ⁶ PA is no longer publishing monthly Market Egg prices.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., October 29, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

OCTOBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX ADVANCED 12 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 12 points (8.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 17 points (11 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk and lower prices for hogs, broilers, cattle, and potatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, grain sorghum, and cotton offset decreased marketings of wheat, milk, sweet corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 26 points (19 percent) from October 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 154, increased 7 points (4.8 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (16 percent) from October 2009.

All crops: The October index is 176, up 11 percent from September and 17 percent above October 2009. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, and food grains more than offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables and potatoes & dry beans.

Food grains: The October index, at 197, is 3.7 percent above the previous month and 22 percent above a year ago. The October all wheat price, at \$6.08 per bushel, is up 25 cents from September and \$1.61 above October 2009.

Feed grains & hay: The October index is 203, up 17 percent from last month and 31 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.78 per bushel, is up 70 cents from last month and \$1.17 above October 2009. The all hay price, at \$113 per ton, is up \$2.00 from September and \$8.00 from last October.

Oilseeds: The October index, at 183, is up 12 percent from September and 14 percent higher than October 2009. The soybean price, at

\$10.70 per bushel, increased 72 cents from September and is \$1.27 above October 2009.

Fruits & nuts: The October index, at 162, is unchanged from September but 6.6 percent higher than a year ago. Price increases for pears, strawberries, and lemons offset price decreases for grapefruit, grapes, and oranges.

Commercial vegetables: The October index, at 146, is down 6.4 percent from last month and 13 percent below October 2009. Price declines for tomatoes, onions, broccoli, and snap beans more than offset price increases during October for sweet corn, cantaloups, and cauliflower.

Livestock and products: The October index, at 134, is 0.7 percent below last month but up 22 percent from October 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, milk, hogs, broilers, turkeys, calves, and eggs.

Meat animals: The October index, at 125, is down 3.1 percent from last month but 21 percent higher than last year. The October hog price, at \$57.00 per cwt, is down \$4.20 from September but \$19.20 higher than a year ago. The October beef cattle price of \$92.40 per cwt is down \$1.80 from last month but \$13.20 higher than October 2009.

Dairy products: The October index, at 140, is up 2.9 percent from a month ago and 28 percent higher than October last year. The October all milk price of \$18.30 per cwt is up 60 cents from last month and \$4.00 from October 2009. The fluid grade milk price is up 60 cents and the manufacturing grade milk price is 30 cents higher than the previous month.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., October 29, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS **SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

SOURCE: **Cold Storage**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 3,108,500 bushels on September 30, 2010, compared to 2,972,700 bushels on September 30, 2009. The three largest varieties in storage were: Golden Delicious, 1,448,000 bushels; Red Delicious, 579,000 bushels; and Rome, 338,000 bushels.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 130,557,000 pounds on September 30, 2010, compared to 124,853,400 pounds on September 30, 2009.

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs, chicken and cheese. Butter stocks were down 26 percent from last month and down 43 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 14 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 10 percent from the previous month but down 20 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 34 percent from last month and down 88 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on September 30, 2010 were down 2 percent from the previous month and down 5 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 12 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 6 percent from last month and down 23 percent from September 30, 2009.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Sep 30, 2009	Aug 31, 2010	Sep 30, 2010
(000) Lbs.			
Butter	227,924	155,253	129,779
Cheese, Total Natural	983,941	1,040,698	1,045,929
Eggs, Frozen.....	21,590	24,688	26,156
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,253,509	1,213,063	1,187,701
Chicken.....	634,357	705,736	712,971
Turkeys.....	613,891	502,175	469,866
Fruits, Frozen.....	1,200,655	1,118,468	1,135,992
Fruit Juices, Frozen.....	1,540,830	1,446,218	1,343,603
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,624,709	2,263,390	2,554,511
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,130,249	1,036,329	1,062,440
Meats, Total Frozen	984,048	803,374	847,374
Beef, Total Frozen.....	428,913	387,438	397,652
Pork, Total Frozen.....	528,681	388,292	425,523

SOURCE: **Cold Storage**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

Pennsylvania Apples In Cold Storage (Bushels), September 2010

Variety	September 30, 2009					September 30, 2010				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	Bushels									
Braeburn	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0
Cortland	4,300	0	7,300	0	11,600	14,500	0	1,000	0	15,500
Empire	4,300	7,700	13,000	0	25,000	23,500	52,000	1,500	0	77,000
Fuji	1,700	0	500	0	2,200	4,000	3,000	3,500	2,000	12,500
Gala	60,400	185,600	22,100	0	268,100	60,000	154,500	3,500	2,000	220,000
Golden Delicious	85,100	146,300	992,900	375,200	1,599,500	115,000	229,500	719,000	384,500	1,448,000
Granny Smith	1,400	500	1,800	4,000	7,700	0	1,500	13,500	2,000	17,000
Idared	0	0	80,700	22,500	103,200	2,000	500	40,000	37,500	80,000
Jonagold	18,600	4,500	86,000	0	109,100	9,500	11,500	8,000	0	29,000
Jonathan	6,700	0	15,200	0	21,900	2,000	0	11,500	0	13,500
McIntosh	43,700	23,400	12,100	0	79,200	26,000	30,000	15,000	0	71,000
Mutsu/Crispin	500	0	11,400	0	11,900	6,500	5,000	24,000	0	35,500
Northern Spy	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	500
Pink Lady	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Delicious	92,300	160,900	88,000	23,000	364,200	194,500	286,000	96,000	2,500	579,000
Rome	1,200	8,500	118,100	38,400	166,200	3,000	0	191,500	143,500	338,000
Rome Sport	1,500	0	50,800	0	52,300	3,000	0	10,000	0	13,000
Spartan	500	0	0	0	500	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
Stavman	500	0	1,600	0	2,100	2,500	0	13,000	0	15,500
Winesap	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	500
York	0	0	36,200	3,000	39,200	0	0	40,500	0	40,500
All Other Varieties	29,800	1,200	70,100	0	101,100	18,000	13,000	65,500	500	97,000
Not Segregated	0		7,200	0	7,200	500	500	3,000	0	4,000
All Varieties	353,000	538,600	1,615,000	466,100	2,972,700	487,000	787,000	1,260,000	574,500	3,108,500

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

Apple Stocks In Cold Storage, Pennsylvania & United States

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	September 30, 2009	August 31, 2010	September 30, 2010
Pennsylvania			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	82,656,000	10,164,000	73,374,000
Controlled Atmosphere	42,197,400	13,062,000	57,183,000
TOTAL APPLES	124,853,400	23,226,000	130,557,000
United States			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	1,176,281,000	22,819,000	1,094,694,000
Controlled Atmosphere	2,049,597,000	112,384,000	2,068,849,000
TOTAL APPLES	3,225,878,000	135,203,000	3,163,543,000

SOURCE: **Cold Storage**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Sep 2009	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Sep 2009	Aug 2010	Sep 2010
Layers	Thous.	22,739	24,165	23,654	333,885	338,980	337,4092
Eggs Per 100 Layers	Number	2,370	2,446	2,372	2,209	2,283	2,218
Eggs Produced	Million	539	591	561	7,376	7,739	7,483
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	14,447	13,564	13,564	742,769	798,529	761,473
Chick Hatch-Egg Type ¹	Thous.	-	-	-	40,515	37,023	40,307
Turkey Poult Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	20,852	22,798	21,789

¹ April 2009 state level data for egg-type chicks hatched will no longer be published.

SOURCES: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

Turkey Hatchery, 3:00 p.m., October 15, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

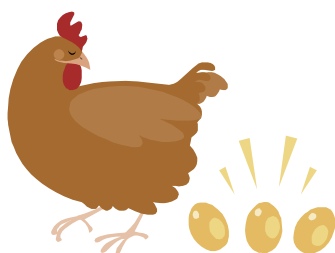
EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during September 2010 totaled 561 million eggs, up 4 percent from the 539 million eggs produced in September 2009. The total number of layers averaged 23.7 million during September, a four percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,372 eggs during the month, an increase of 2 eggs overall from September 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 13.6 million during September 2010, about the same as the same month last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.48 billion during September 2010, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2010 averaged 337 million, up one percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up slightly from September 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2010 totaled 40.3 million, down one percent from September 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2010 totaled 761 million, up three percent from September 2009. There were 21.8 million net poult placed during September 2010 in the United States, up four percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

SOURCE: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, OCT 2010

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod....	Million pounds	109.4	4,160.5
Cattle	1,000 Head	83.6	2,898.2
	1,000 pounds live	101,496	3,723,564
Calves	1,000 Head	10.1	71.2
	1,000 pounds live	4,314	19,199
Hogs	1,000 Head	247.8	9,344.9
	1,000 pounds live	64,429	2,524,527
Sheep & Lambs ...	1,000 Head	3.2	204.0
	1,000 pounds live	321	26,200

SOURCE: **Livestock Slaughter**, 8:30 a.m. October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during September 2010 totaled 109.4 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 113.2 million pounds produced in September 2009. Beef production, at 101.5 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from September 2009. Total head slaughtered was 83,600, up 3 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,228 pounds, down 18 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.3 million pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,100 head was down 11 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 428 pounds. Pork production was 64.4 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 247,800, down 8 percent from September 2009. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 260 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during September 2010 was 321,000 pounds live weight, down 16 percent from September 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,200, down 18 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 99 pounds.

SOURCE: **Livestock Slaughter**, 8:30 a.m. October 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

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